

## Granting eminent domain to regional mobility authorities

HB 156 by Krusee (Ogden)

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DIGEST:	HB 156 would have specified that regional mobility authorities (RMAs) have the same powers and duties as the Texas Transportation Commission and the Texas Department of Transportation to condemn or purchase real property. The bill also would have allowed RMAs' governing bodies to condemn property without TTC concurrence. Generally, eminent domain is the legal doctrine allowing governments to use their sovereign power to acquire private property for legitimate public uses.
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	"House Bill No. 156, which would give Regional Mobility Authorities the ability to condemn real property, conflicts with other legislation. House Bill No. 3588 [by Krusee], which I have signed, covers eminent domain authority for Regional Mobility Authorities in a more comprehensive manner. I am vetoing this bill at the author's request."
RESPONSE:	<p>Rep. Mike Krusee, author of HB 156, said: "The issues addressed by this bill were more than covered with the passage of HB 3588, which went even further in regard to condemnation. HB 156 primarily was a backup measure that no longer is necessary."</p> <p>Sen. Steve Ogden, the Senate sponsor, said: "HB 156 was vetoed by the governor because similar provisions were passed in HB 3588."</p>
NOTES:	HB 156 was analyzed in Part Two of the March 25 <i>Daily Floor Report</i> . HB 3588 was analyzed in Part One of the May 9 <i>Daily Floor Report</i> .